

THE PRESIDENT'S INTELLIGENCE CHECKLIST

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1. Cyprus

a. British troops have been sent to a village 40 miles west of Nicosia where Greek Cypriots were reportedly attacking Turkish villages early this morning. Press reports describe this clash as the most serious in the past ten days.

b. No other incidents have been reported as the UN increases its force on the island. In addition to forces already committed to the UN effort, Austria has offered a small medical detachment and Brazil a marine contingent.

d. Greek Cypriots are still attempting to portray the UN force as an adjunct of the Cyprus Government. They have begun painting their own helmets the light blue of the UN.

e. Greek and Turkish military activity continues to taper off.

Turkish military activity is also more relaxed

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2. South Vietnam

a. Khanh has asked Foreign Minister Quat to explore the possibilities of going to Paris soon to try to set relations between the two countries back on the track, perhaps eventually to exchange ambassadors again if all goes well.

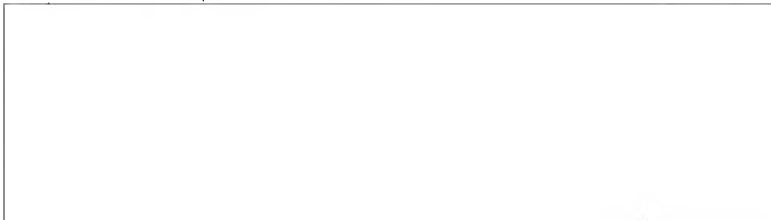
b. If Paris is responsive to feelers being put out, Quat's trip will be part of a fairly extensive tour which would include Geneva, London, and Washington.

c. Following his recent meeting with Phoumi, Khanh has reopened his embassy in Vientiane and will send an ambassador as soon as he can.

d. We are not yet clear what exactly is envisaged in their agreement to make "common cause" against the Viet Cong.

3. Cambodia

a. Sihanouk is again talking of a Geneva conference to solve his problems.



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he has invited the South Vietnamese to Phnom Penh to work something out bilaterally. They have already arrived [REDACTED] to talk border problems [REDACTED]

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e. When they decline to sign on the dotted line, Sihanouk is likely to hit the ceiling again and begin anew to overload the circuits in favor of a Geneva conference.

f. In any event, the bilateral talks are taking place against the background of a shoot down this morning of a South Vietnamese "observation" plane by a Cambodian fighter.

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4. US fliers in East Germany

a. Indications are the three US pilots held in East Germany will be tried on espionage charges in an East German court.

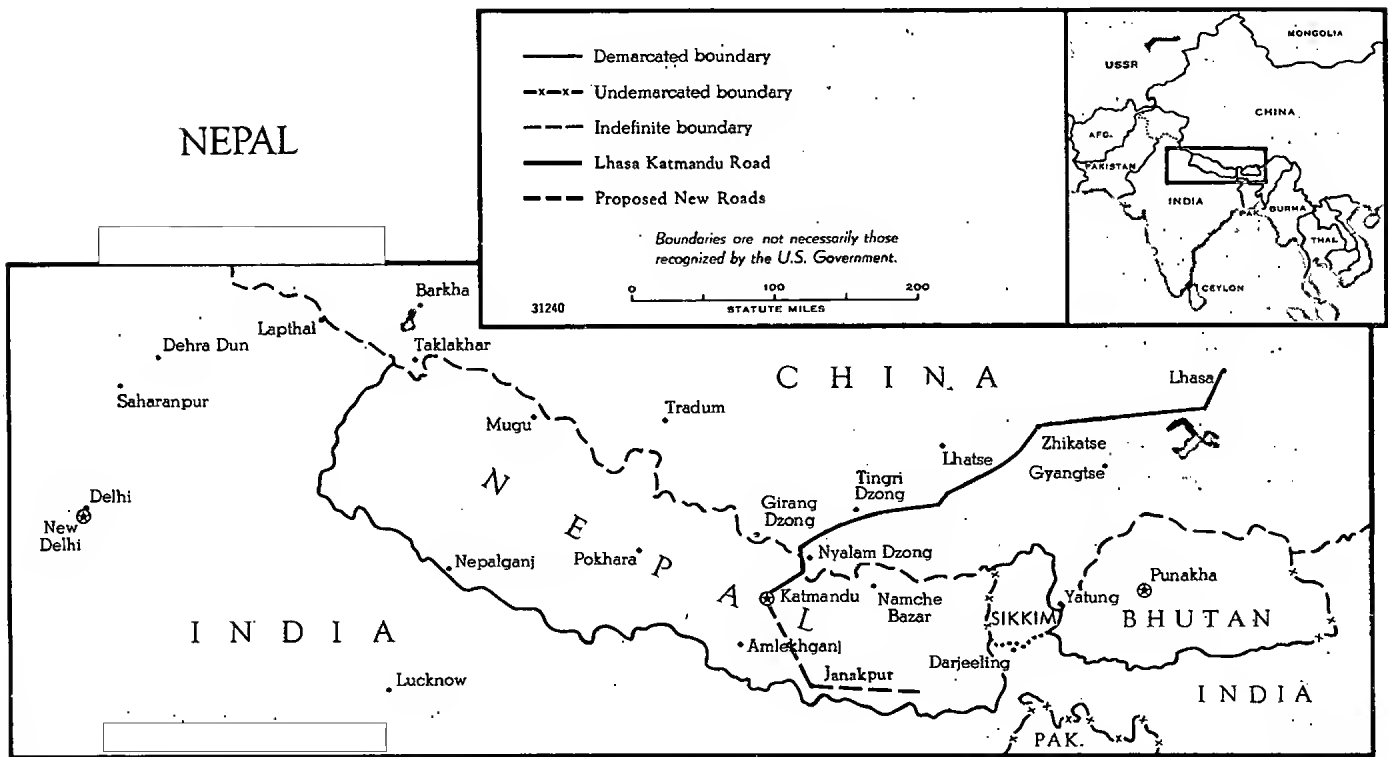
b. [REDACTED] an East Berlin lawyer who has in the past represented other US defendants in East German courts, has been told by his superiors to get ready to act as defense attorney for one of the fliers. [REDACTED]

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5. Communist China -
Nepal - India

a. The Chinese Communists are
[redacted]
[redacted] willing
to build two new roads in Nepal.

b. One would be an important
segment of the long-cherished East-
West road in southern Nepal [redacted]
[redacted]

c. The other, strategically
more important, would connect the
Lhasa-Kathmandu road the Chinese are
now building with Janakpur on the
Indian border.

d. The Indians will be extremely
sensitive to numbers of Chinese so
close to their border, and they will
not like the idea of an all-weather
route of access to the Indian plain
which flanks the Chumbi valley to
the west.

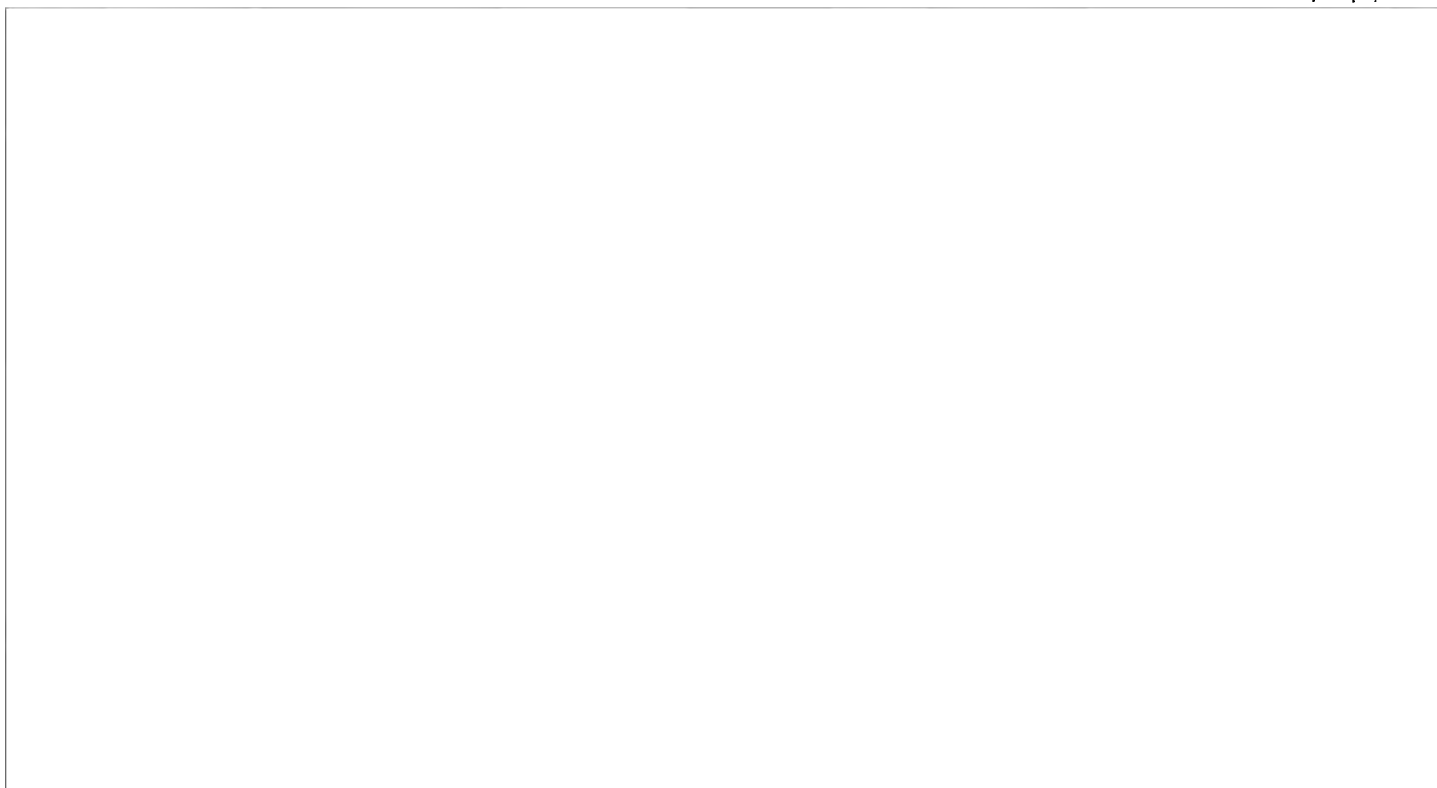
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6. Cuba/Bloc

a. As many as 1,500 Cubans may now be receiving military training in the Communist bloc.

b. The training probably involves advanced officer instruction and technical courses in the operation and maintenance of late model military equipment.

c. This type of training and the sizeable number of personnel involved suggests that Cuba may receive additional Soviet military equipment in the near future.

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7. USSR

a. Photographs of eight Soviet nuclear-powered "E-class" submarines suggest that two of them have eight cruise missile launchers each instead of the six carried by each of the others.

b. The two suspected eight-launcher units apparently are of a newer design and may carry the recently developed 450-mile cruise missile rather than the standard 300-mile missile.

c. The E-class subs are known so far to be operating only in the Soviet Far East.

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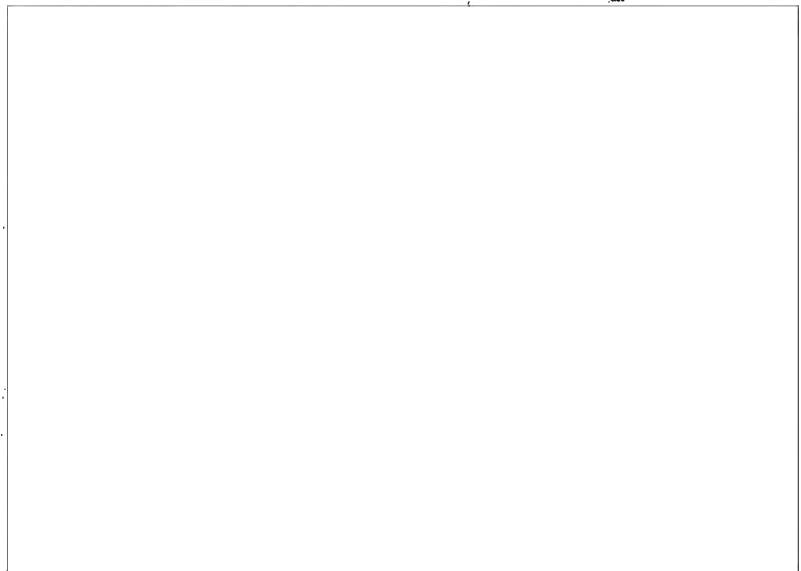
8. South Africa

a. Government-controlled media in South Africa are making noises about pulling out of the UN.

b. Withdrawal would not only be good domestic politics, but would minimize the opportunities for the country's foreign critics to bring effective political pressure to bear.

c. Verwoerd's government is already out of the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization, the International Labor Organization, and is under pressure to leave the World Health Organization.

9. USSR Gold Sales



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10. Brazil

a. Late word on the situation in Brazil is hard to get

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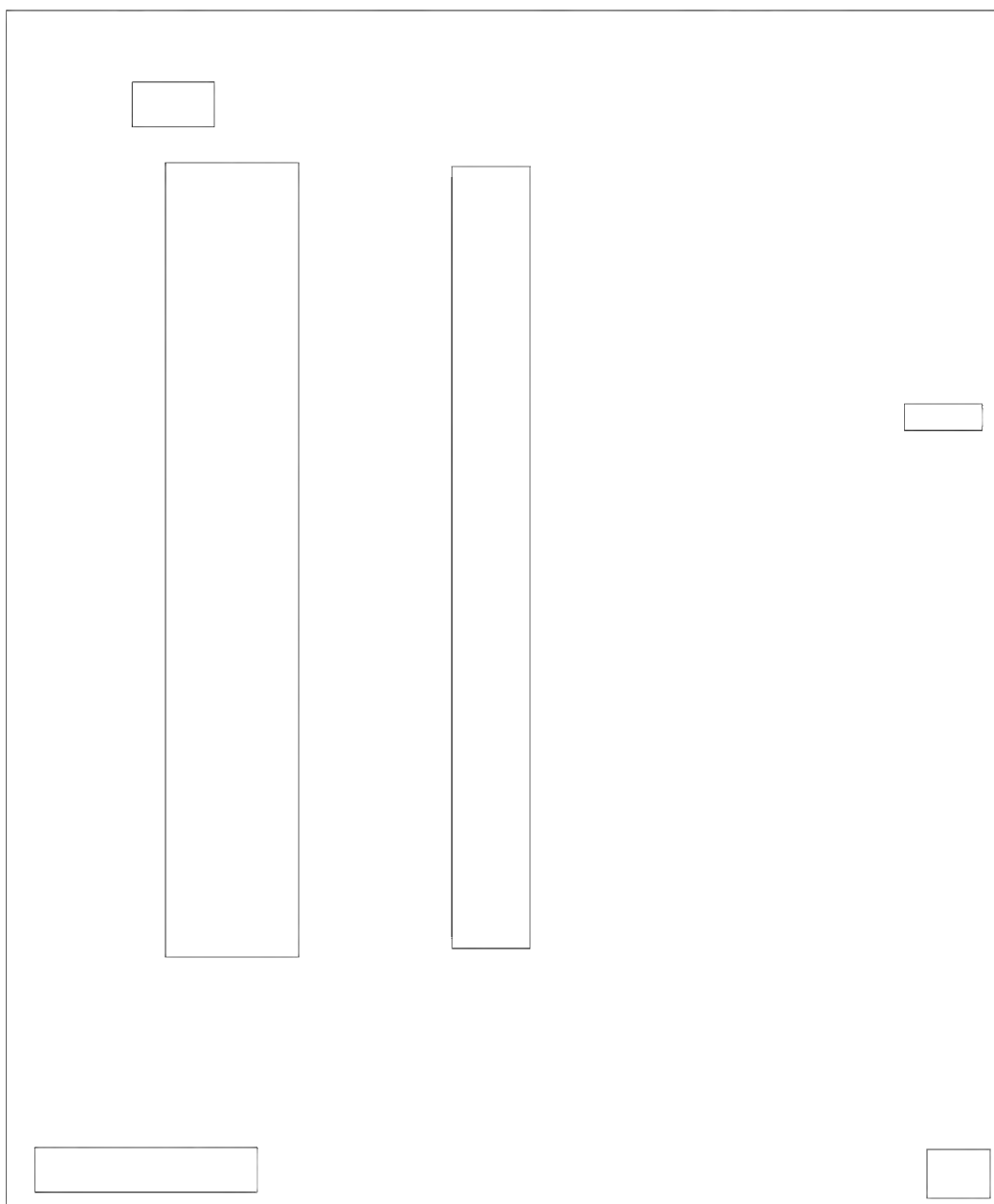
b. It is clear, though, that Goulart's recent demagogic performance, his sweeping decrees, and bold challenges to an unfriendly congress have the country in turmoil.

c. He seems confident he has both popular and military support sufficient to bludgeon congress into doing his bidding or else. His use of the "public plaza" technique to make his point could bring severe disorders.

d. There are even rumors, which we are unable to confirm, that federal troops have arrested Goulart's chief opponent, Guanabara State governor Lacerda.

e. In any event, the charged atmosphere has spurred the demand for dollars, and a devastating flight of capital could ensue.

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NOTES

- A. USSR Cosmos 26, the earth satellite launched yesterday, was the second successful launching in six attempts in the Cosmos series from Kapustin Yar this year. The number of failures or cancellations suggests that the Soviets are having trouble with the launch system.

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- B. Pakistan - Communist China Pakistan International Airlines announced yesterday that operational arrangements are now complete and regular service between Dacca and Shanghai, with an intermediate stop in Canton, will start on 2 May. Initially there will be one flight weekly.

- C. Sino-Soviet Border

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- D. Egypt-Kuwait The Egyptians have wangled a \$98 million loan out of Kuwait. This should make them even less willing than heretofore to consider the International Monetary Fund's long-standing recommendations for basic fiscal reforms.

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E. India

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F. Cuba

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a typhoid

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fever epidemic in Sagua la Grande.

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the entire city is to be quarantined, with 200 cases of typhoid in Sagua la Grande itself, and several hundred more in the surrounding area.

G. Cuba - Latin America

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USSR

a. The Keyhole mission of 12-14 March, the sixth mission employing the KH-7 camera system, has provided the highest quality photography yet obtained. A high percentage of the scheduled targets were covered and were cloud-free.

b. Excellent photography was obtained on portions of nine out of the eighteen ICBM complexes. A preliminary readout of these and a number of other targets will follow as soon as possible.

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